Central assistance for installation of tubewells in Madhya Pradesh

@1099. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently provided funds to the Madhya Pradesh Government for installing a number of tubewells for the exploitation of underground water especially with a view to meet the challenge of the ongoing scarcity conditions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFA) for Increasing Agricultural Production, it is proposed to allocate a sum of Rs. 1334.39 lakhs as Central share for construction of Rs. 88,960 shallow tubewells|dugwells in 22 selected districts of Madhya Pradesh under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) during 1988-89. For the remaining districts a sum of Rs. 235.20 lakhs has been proposed out of which 70 per cent is meant for Minor Irrigation works.

Besides, under the Million Well Scheme, 41,000 wells at an estimated cost of Rs. 5945 lakhs have been proposed under NREP|RLEGP during 1988-89 for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Small and Marginal Farmers in the State.

Loss incurred by Dal mill of NCCF at Nagpur

1100. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1412 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Incharge of NCCF's Nagpur Dal Mill and Internal Audit worked out and certified bogus profits which were to be reappropriated subsequently by Head Office;

(b) whether there were complaints that the Arhar whole purchase from Mahal Cooperative Society was of sub-standard quality and that this Society was in fact owned by traders;

(c) whether the Arhar whole purchased from Mahal Society were not of Comparable rates as published in authenticated market reports;

(d) whether the concerned officers responsible for; (i) awarding the work of processing of pulses to Jyoti Dal Udog without the approval of competent authority and (ii) purchase of sub-standard Arhar from Mahal Society are still working with NCCF; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for which no action has been taken to place them under suspension so that they do not tamper with records and influence the investigation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir. The NCCF has reported that the accounts are checked by the Statutory Auditors and the profit and loss accounts are finalised on the basis of their report.

(b) An anonymous complaint regarding the purchase of sub-standard quality of Arhar Dal from a Cooperative Society was received by the NCCF. Enquiries reveal that the society was registered by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra and not owned by traders.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Concerned Officer has been transferred from Nagpur and hence

@Previously Unstarred Question 822, transferred from the 3rd May, 1988.